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SUBJ: 58TH ECOSOC - ITEM 5: TRANSPORTATION

1. ITEM 5, TRANSPORTATION, TO BE TAKEN UP THIS P.M.
(MONDAY MAY 5). U.S. WILL INTRODUCE TWO RESES PROVIDED
USUN BY DATAFAX, WHILE UK WILL INTRODUCE ONE RES TO
WHICH WE HAVE INDICATED NO OBJECTION PER SANDERS/POOLE
TELCON.

2. AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY CIRCULATED TO THE
TWO U.S. RESES. AN AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT PROPOSES THAT
A SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO THE RES
ENTITLED "FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING THE
TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS." PARA WOULD SAY:
"NOTING THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT,
WHEN THE SAME PROBLEMS ARE CONSIDERED BY DIFFERENT
GROUPS, THEY MAY BE GIVEN SOLUTIONS THAT ARE SCARCELY
COMPATIBLE AND THAT ARE THEREFORE LIKELY TO MIPED
HARMONIZATION." ADDITIONALLY, AUSTRALIA HAS PROPOSED
THAT A NEW OP PARA 3 OF U.S. DRAFT BE PROVIDED AS
FOLLOWS: "REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE TO GIVE CONSIDERA-
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TION, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER INTERESTED BODIES,

IN PARTICULAR THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION, TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A CONVENTION." OLD OP PARA 3 WOULD BECOME OP PARA 4. U.S. EXPERT ROBERS HAS AGREED TO AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS.

3. UK HAS OFFICIALLY CIRCULATED AMENDMENT TO OTHER U.S. RES WHICH REPLACES PRESENT OP PARA 3 WITH THE FOLLOWING: "TAKES NOTE ALSO THAT THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS INTENDS TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH UNEP ABOUT ITS ROLE IN THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION." U.S. EXPERTS ROBERS HAS ALSO AGREED TO THIS AMENDMENT.

4. USUN HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE BRAZILIANS, ARGENTINES, ALGERIANS AND FIVE OTHER LDC'S ARE GOING TO PROPOSE THAT ITEM 5 BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE 59TH ECOSOC ON GROUNDS THAT COMPLEXITIES OF WORK OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS NEEDS FURTHER STUDY. SHOULD POSTPONEMENT EFFORT FAIL THE MEXICANS WILL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT FROM THE FLOOR WHICH WOULD URGE THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.

5. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY U.S. DEL WILL NOT OBJECT TO POSTPONEMENT MOVE, WHICH RECOGNIZED AS A POSSIBILITY IN DEPARTMENT'S POSITION PAPER. SHOULD POSTPONEMENT EFFORT NOT MATERIALIZE USUN WILL NOT OBJECT TO MEXICO'S AMENDMENT (PROVIDING IT DOES NOT GET COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS SNARLED IN A GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION PROBLEM IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED). PLEASE CONFIRM BY TELEPHONE ASAP.
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